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Examiner: Patterson, Charles L. Jr.

Title:

Thermal Tolerant Cellulase from

Acidothermus cellulyticus

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R §§ 1.136 AND 1.17(a)(2)

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patents and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Official Action, dated October 14, 2004 for one (1) month from January 14, 2005 to February 14, 2005 to prepare a response to the Examiner's rejections. Applicant authorizes the Commissioner for Patents to charge the amount of \$120.00 for the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 14-0460.

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